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METALLURGY AND INVESTMENTS IN 6-YEAR PLAN -- Katowice, Dziennik Zachodni, 18 Oct 50

About 250 billion zlotys have been allocated for investments in metallurgy for the period 1950 - 1955. About 70 billion of this amount will be spent on existing plants. In 1955, production is expected to be 3.2 times that of 1938 and about 2 times that of 1949. Many new plants will be activated and the existing ones will be modernized and expanded.

It is expected that the gigantic Nowa Huta being built near Krakow will be completed in the 6-year period. At the end of the 6-year period, another large new metallurgical plant about the size of the Nowa Huta will be started. The new plant will be built by Polish labor exclusively and equipped with machines and installations of Polish manufacture. Experience gained in building the Nowa Huta with the aid of Soviet specialists will be invaluable.

In addition to the building of these large plants for the production of ordinary steel, a new plant for the production of high-quality steel will be started which will be larger in size and exceed the production of existing Polish plants of this type. Thus, industry will be supplied with adequate amounts of high-speed cutting steel, stainless steel, and rust-proof steel.

All existing plants will be modernized and expanded. Special attention will be given to alteration of the Stalin Metallurgical Plant in Labedy, to the building of large plants in Czestochowa, and to the expansion of the Kosciuszko, Bobrek, and Florian plants. The plants in Labedy and Czestochowa will be expanded to produce, in 1955, 70 percent of the over-all production of similar plants operating in 1949.

In 1955, iron metallurgy will supply the country with 3,500,000 tons of pig iron, 4,600,000 tons of raw steel, and 3,200,000 tons of rolled products. In 1949, Poland produced 2,300,000 tons of raw steel, and in 1938, only 1,500,000 tons.

In 1955, production of zinc will increase to a level of 197,600 tons, 54 percent of which will be electrolytic zinc. Production of electrolytic copper will increase to 25,000 tons.

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The capacity index of blast furnaces will increase 24 percent, participation of sintering plants will increase from 19.5 percent of 55 percent of the ore consumed. Consumption of dry coke per ton of pig iron will fall to at least 986 kilograms, and the amount of steel produced per square meter of Martin furnaces and per 24-hour day will increase by at least 60 percent.

Over-all investments in the Six-Year Plan will amount to 6,123 billion zlotys at 1950 prices. In physical volume, 1955 investments will be 3.5 times investments in 1949. Per-capita investments in 1955 will be three times as large as 1949 and eight times as large as 1938.

During the 6-year period, 1,425 large projects will be started in all branches of the national economy, of which 1,287 are to be ready for use in 1955. In the next 6 years, investment projects valued at 4,900 billion zlotys at 1950 prices will be ready for use. Some of these were started during the Three-Year Plan.

The 1,287 projects which are to be completed in the course of the Six-Year Plan include more than 250 immense industrial projects and 90 large modern housing settlements.

TO BUILD METALLURGICAL PLANT NEAR GLIWICE -- Katowice, Dziennik Zachodni, 16 Oct 50

In accordance with the Six-Year Plan, a large metallurgical plant named after Stalin will be built near Gliwice. Pyskowice, located several kilometers from the site of the plant, will become a large industrial town.

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